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In re: Bishop, et al.  
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Confirmation No.: 5391  
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Examiner: Levkovich, Natalia A.

For: SEALER FOR TEST SAMPLE DEVICES

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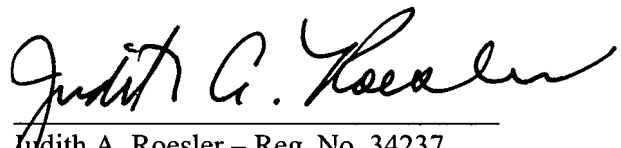
Applicants respectfully submit the following for filing in the above-referenced application:

- (1) Transmittal
- (2) Reply to Restriction Requirement
- (3) Postcard

No fee is believed due at this time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0364.

A Duplicate of this Transmittal is Provided Herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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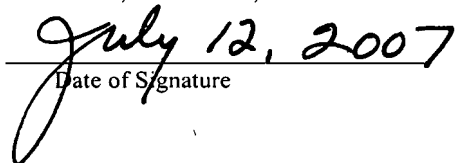
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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicants provide this Reply to Restriction Requirement in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2007.

Per the Office Action, a restriction requirement of one of the following groups of claims has been required:

Group I: Claims 1-4 and 10, drawn to a sealing device comprising an enclosure with moving shield, a cutter and a motor, classified in class 422, subclass 99.

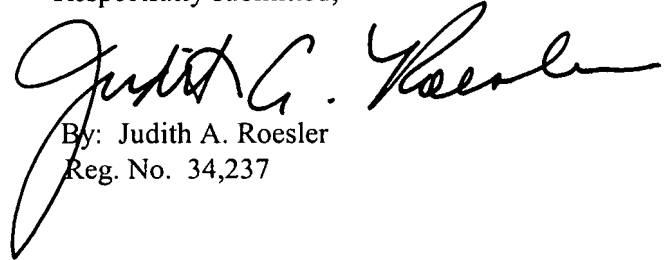
Group II: Claims 5-9 and 11-12, drawn to a sealing device comprising a cutter and a motor, classified in class 407, subclass 20.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse **Group I**, claims 1-4 and 10.

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Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional(s) for the claims not elected in response to the restriction requirement.

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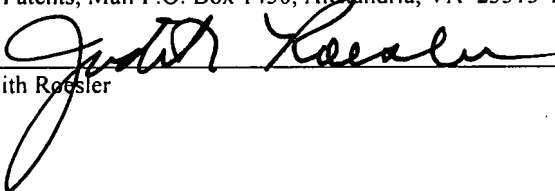
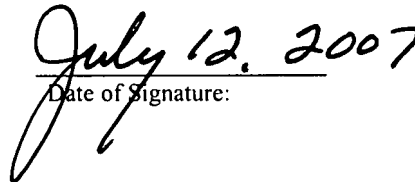
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